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1. REF A SPELLS OUT OUR SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT INTERNATIONAL
AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF EFFORTS AND THE STEPS WE ARE TAKING TO
ASSURE AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE RESOURCES. WE BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE USEFUL TO ENGAGE THE GOP IN A BROAD DISCUSSION OF
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THE REFUGEE PROBLEM IN THE CONTEXT OF OFFICIALLY INFORMING

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THEN OF OUR RECENT PLEDGES TO THE UNHCR AND UFP (REF B AND C). SUGGEST EMBASSY DRAW ON FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS:

--THE U.S. IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ARABIAN REFUGEE PROBLEM. IN ADDITION TO HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS, WE ARE VERY AWARE OF THE GREAT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL BURDEN IT IS PLACING ON PAKISTAN AND HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH PAKISTAN'S GENEROSITY AND COURAGE IN ACCEPTING THAT BURDEN.

--BECAUSE OF OUR AWARENESS OF THE CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE TO PAKISTAN OF ADEQUATE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT AND OUTSIDE RELIEF, WE HAVE BEEN CONSULTING CLOSELY WITH THE UNHCR AND UFP. FOR CY 1981 REQUIREMENTS, WE HAVE MADE AN EARLY COMMITMENT OF \$46 MILLION FOR THE DEFICIT (\$31 MILLION

THROUGH UNHCR AND \$2,600 THOUS OF \$400 THOUS (\$2 MILLION) IN ORDER TO MEET IMMEDIATE NEEDS WHICH WE ARE DEVELOPING. WE HOPE THAT THIS CONTRIBUTION WILL SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE TO STIMULATE ADDITIONAL PLEDGES FROM THE REST OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AND ARE ACTIVELY INTERFERING WITH OTHER DONORS TO INCREASE THEIR SUPPORT. AS THE DIMENSIONS OF THE REQUIREMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1981 BECOME CLEARER WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS IF NECESSARY TO AVOID DEVELOPMENT OF A SERIOUS RESOURCE GAP.

**--IN THE MEANTIME, WE ENCOURAGE PAKISTAN ITSELF TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN SOLICITING INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT. JAPAN, FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH HAS SHOWN CONSIDERABLE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM, BEGINS ITS NEW FISCAL YEAR IN APRIL, MAKING IT IMPORTANT THAT A REQUEST BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BEFORE BUDGET DECISIONS ARE FINALIZED. AN ARAB SUMMIT VISIT TO EUROPE IN THE NEAR FUTURE WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO STRESS THE NEED FOR GREATER REFUGEE SUPPORT WITH THE EUROPEANS.

--THE APPEARANCE AT LEAST IS THAT GULF ARAB SUPPORT FOR THE REFUGEES HAS BEEN MINIMAL. IT MAY WELL BE THAT THEY ARE MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS OF WHICH WE ARE NOT AWARE. HOWEVER, WE ASK THAT PAKISTAN SUGGEST THAT THEY FURNISH MORE ASSISTANCE THROUGH UNHCR/UFP, BOTH IN THE INTEREST OF A BETTER COORDINATED RELIEF EFFORT AND TO AVOID THE PUBLIC IMPRESSION THAT THE ISLAMIC WORLD IS LEAVING IT TO THE

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OECD NATIONS TO COPE WITH THE PROBLEM OF THE AFGHAN REFUGEES.

2. FYI: THE \$10 MILLION PLEDGE TO UNHCR IS PROBABLY ALL THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH FOR THAT AGENCY UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW FISCAL YEAR. WE HAVE A PROBLEM ON THE FOOD SIDE, HOWEVER, WE STILL HAVE A SHORTFALL IN THE PL-480 TITLE I REQUEST. WE HAVE A SHORTFALL IN THE FOOD GAP REMAINING AFTER THE PL-480 TITLE I REQUEST IS CLEARED. AN ADDITIONAL \$10 MILLION PLEDGE TO UNHCR TO ENSURE ADEQUATE FOOD FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1981. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1981, WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO BRING UP TO PARITY WITH UNHCR AND OGP REQUIREMENTS. FOR FYI, READ

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